

Letter Given To Rep. Snyder On King Plot

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LOUISVILLE, March 19 (UPD) — Rep. Gene Snyder (R-Ky.) said Friday he has given the House Assassinations Committee information that FBI agents and police officers conspired to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Snyder said he received a letter late in February from a "former policeman" who claimed he was twice offered \$500,000 to kill the civil rights leader. While refusing to name his informant, Snyder described him as a police officer with more than 20 years' experience.

Snyder also declined to disclose the names of three FBI agents and several other policemen allegedly involved in the plot, or the name of their city police force.

Richard A. Sprague, chief counsel for the Assassinations Committee, confirmed late Friday night that Snyder turned over the letter to the House panel. But he refused further comment because the matter is under investigation.

King was murdered in Memphis in April, 1968. James Earl Ray was convicted of the murder, but now maintains he is innocent. The House committee last fall began investigations into the assassinations of King and President Kennedy.

Snyder made no connection between the alleged plot to kill King and the actual killing.

He said he did not know why the informant brought him the allegations rather than directing them to the House panel. He said the ex-policeman asked to be put in touch with the committee.